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THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" We have now received the report of the Chief Conservator and that is being examined."

Questions 208-E and 213—

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question No. 208-E and the other question No. 213 are similar. They may be taken up together and supplementaries may be put on both the questions. I think, therefore, it is better that the Hon. Chief Minister answers both these questions together."

Police ' Strike ' in Madras.

* 208-E *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many constables were involved in the recent Police strike in Madras; and

(*b*) against how many, departmental action has been taken and how many have been prosecuted or detained?

* 213 *Q.*—SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was a Police strike at Madras in December 1952;

(*b*) if so, how many struck work;

(*c*) how many have been detained; and

(*d*) how many have been punished?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*). The members of the City Police refused to draw their pay for December 1952 and there was considerable unrest but no stoppage of work. The facts have all appeared in press notes issued by Government from time to time.

" (*c*) Fifty-one were detained of whom 30 have since been released.

" (*d*) So far 51 men have been departmentally punished. I think I have replied to both the questions."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I think these questions came up before the House a number of times, though in different forms."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" But, all the same quite a number of supplementaries have to be asked because from time to time the position also changes."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, of the police constables who have been manhandled and forced to take salaries, how many participated in the strike and how many have been ousted from service since then? Is there a proposal to reinstate those constables who have been victimized? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" All these presumptions are wrong. But as regards reinstatement and all

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that, the Government are taking care of their own administration and I deprecate hon. Members again going into those matters.'"

Sri VAVILLA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" Sir, in view of the fact that they are now taking salaries are the Government prepared to stop victimization? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is no question of victimization. I think victimization, i.e., exploitation comes from political parties."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, having reinstated so many constables, will the Government be good enough to reinstate the remaining number also? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Government have to distinguish between activities of various kinds and hon. Members are not aware of the details of those activities as the Government are. Certain men have done certain things and certain other men have done certain other things. All the men who were prosecuted have been let off. All cases against them have been withdrawn. Many of them have been reinstated. Some have been dismissed and they have a right to appeal and the matter will be gone into by the Government in the usual course. I once again appeal that the discipline of the Police force may be left to the Government, whoever may be the Government."

Sri K. KRISHNA RAO :—" On a point of order, Sir, I would like to know whether there are some subjects about which we can ask questions and some subjects about which we should not ask. I would like to know whether there are Transferred and Reserved Subjects as under the Montford Scheme of Reforms and whether it is proper on the part of the Hon. Chief Minister to say so? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is up to me to appeal to hon. Members not to put questions on certain matters; it is up to hon. Members not to accept my advice and it is up to the Government to answer or not to answer."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Apart from that, there are State subjects as well as subjects belonging to the Union."

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, now that matters have quietened, will the Government think of restoring recognition to the Constabulary Association? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Even that, Sir, will be considered when the Association applies and not when Legislative Assembly Members apply."

Sri T. NAGI REDDI :—"Are the Government aware, Sir, that the City constabulary have given to the Chief Minister in person some complaints about the Commissioner of Police here and if so, what steps the Government have taken? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" The hon. Member has received oral information quite wrongly and inaccurately. The police constables did give a representation but it had nothing to do with the conduct of the Commissioner of Police but dealt with conditions of work and service. All reasonable requests were granted even during the time of the unrest. Barring the rights given to the Association which subsequent to non-recognition have lapsed, all reasonable difficulties have been removed."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO:—" Sir, is it not a fact that the Hon. Chief Minister while addressing a gathering of policemen promised to enquire into the conduct of the Commissioner of Police? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" The hon. Member need not proceed further. I say, no, Sir."

Regularisation of the services of 9 (a) (i) candidates.

*208-F *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO:—Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state— [8-50 a.m.

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Madras Public Service Commission examination held in April 1951 was intended to be a nominal one for regularisation of the services of 9 (*a*) (i) candidates;

(*b*) whether the examination was conducted in two papers only;

(*c*) whether candidates who failed in those two papers have been ousted from service and if so, how many;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that candidates who secured a pass in those two papers have been declared to be ineligible to draw increments until they secure a pass in two other papers in an examination to be conducted on a future date; and

(*e*) if the answer to (*d*) is in the affirmative when the examination in the two other papers is to be held; and whether candidates sitting for that examination are to pay fresh fees for the examination?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) The Special Competitive examination comprised two tests one of the S.S.L.C. and the other B.A. standards. Typists and Steno-typists were required to answer only one paper in the examination of the S.S.L.C. standard. Persons employed in posts for which a University degree qualification is prescribed were asked to answer the B.A. standard test.

" (*c*) Candidates who failed to secure a pass in the Special Competitive examination were discharged from service to provide for approved candidates. The information regarding the number of candidates so discharged from service is not readily